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SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR IV GRANT

1. INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL RELATIONS HAS SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY
NOMINATION OF KKI SECTION CHIEF GABOR DREXLER FOR 30-DAY
INDIVIDUAL IV GRANT FOR PERIOD COMMENCING O/A SEPTEMBER 15.

2. POST IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO RECEIVE AND SUPPORT THIS
NOMINATION, WHICH HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AND ENCOURAGED ON A
NUMBER OF OCCASIONS BY BOTH CU/EE DIRECTOR RICHMOND
AND PAO DACHI. THE FACT THAT AFTER CONSIDERABLE RELUCTANCE
KKI HAS NOW DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THE NOMINATION WE BELIEVE
IS GOOD EVIDENCE OF HOW SATISFIED KKI IS WITH THE REPORTS OF
THE FIRST GROUP OF RETURNED IV GRANTEES AND THAT IT HOPES TO
TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE IN THE FUTURE OF THIS EXCELLENT
EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY.

3. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT OUR CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC
EXCHANGES AGREEMENT IS NOW APPROACHING SIGNATURE, THE TIMING
OF A STUDY TRIP BY DREXLER IN ORDER TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF
AT FIRST-HAND WITH A VARIETY OF INSTITUTIONS AND PEOPLE WHO
CAN SERVE AS POTENTIAL PARTNERS FOR FUTURE EXCHANGES APPEARS
TO BE PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE. IN ADDITION IT IS A FURTHER
TOKEN OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE HUNGARIAN SIDE ABOUT PRO-
CEEDING IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A PRACTICAL AND MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS PLAN TO IMPLEMENT
THE NEW AGREEMENT.

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4. PROPOSED DATE FOR VISIT: SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15.

5. BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

NAME: GABOR DREXLER

DATE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 14 AUG 2013].

PLACE OF BIRTH: SZEGED, HUNGARY.

PRESENT POSITION: HEAD OF SECTION RESPONSIBLE FOR U.S.,
BRITISH, CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN AND JAPANESE AFFAIRS
AT THE CULTURAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE (KKI).

HOME ADDRESS: BUDAPEST XIV, OND VEZER UTJA 13/15.

EDUCATION: GRADUATED IN 1967 FROM EOTVOS LORAND UNIVERSITY
HAVING SPECIALIZED IN ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN STUDIES.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

1968-71 - KKI, IN CHARGE OF SCANDINAVIAN AFFAIRS

1971-73 - KKI, HEAD OF BRITISH DESK

1973-74 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1974-75 - MEMBER OF HUNGARIAN DELEGATION TO ICCS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1975 TO PRESENT - AS STATED ABOVE.

6. PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS:

WASHINGTON: USIA - MR SHIRLEY; DEPARTMENT - MESSRS.
RICHMOND AND ROOT; NSF - OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS,
ROBERT F. HULL; AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE, JFK CENTER -
MICHAEL WEBB; SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION - ANNE R. GOSSETT,
RALPH RINZLER; CONSULTATION WITH HUNGARIAN EMBASSY.

NEW YORK: IREX - ALLEN KASSOF, JOHN P.C. MATHEWS,
DANIEL MATUESZEWSKI; FORD FUND - MARSHALL ROBINSON, IVO
LEDERER, PETER DE JANOS; AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED
SOCIETIES - RICHARD W. DOWNAR; INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
OF EDUCATION; COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
STUDIES (PARTLY TO SEE WORK OF HUNGARIAN IREX SCHOLAR
GYORGY SZOBOSZLAI), AND PROF. WILLIS L.M. REESE AT PARKER
SCHOOL OF FOREIGN AND COMPARATIVE LAW; CONSULTATION WITH
HUNGARIAN CONSULATE GENERAL AND UN MISSION.

PHILADELPHIA: UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA - PROF.
HERBERT LEVINE.

CHICAGO: MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - MR. DANILOV.

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BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA: INDIANA UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF
URALIC AND ALTAIC STUDIES - PROF. DENIS SINOR; RUSSIAN AND
EAST EUROPEAN INSTITUTE.

BERKELEY, CALIF: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA GRADUATE
DIVISION, CENTER FOR SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES;
PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVES.

7. DREXLER HAS NEVER VISITED THE UNITED STATES BEFORE. KEEPING THIS IN MIND, WE RECOMMEND THAT PROGRAMMING AGENCY PROVIDE AS MANY OPPORTUNITIES AS POSSIBLE IN DREXLER'S SCHEDULE TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN GENERAL. FOR SOMEONE EXPECTED TO BE DEALING DIRECTLY WITH US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT PORTION OF HIS VISIT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW.

8. DREXLER SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND WILL NOT REQUIRE THE SERVICES OF AN ESCORT OR INTERPRETER.
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